

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3290 - SB 3348

February 27, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Raises, from \$10.00 to \$25.00, the amount paid to election officials who attend the instructional meeting and serve at an election. Authorizes payment, at the discretion of the county election commission, to appointed alternate election officials who attend the instructional meeting but who do not serve in the election. Raises the minimum amount paid to election officials, judges, machine operators, and inspectors from \$50.00 to \$90.00 on Election Day.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$214,100/FY15-16

Increase Local Expenditures - \$428,200/FY12-13
\$214,100/FY13-14
\$428,200/FY14-15 *

Assumptions:

- Based on a survey conducted by the Coordinator of Elections, 15 counties already pay a minimum of \$25.00 for the instructional school.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, the remaining 80 counties pay at least \$10.00 but less than \$25.00. It will cost approximately \$116,240 per election for those counties to increase the amount paid for the instructional school. The smallest increase will be \$140.00 per election and the largest increase will be as much as \$10,000.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, forty-two counties already pay a minimum of \$50.00 for the Election Day. The remaining 53 counties pay at least \$50.00 but less than \$90.00. It will cost approximately \$97,865 per election for those counties to increase the amount paid for Election Day. The smallest increase will be \$315.00 per election and the largest increase will be as much as \$8,600.
- The total cost per election will be \$214,105 (\$116,240 + \$97,865).
- In FY12-13 and FY14-15 the increase in local expenditures will be \$428,210 each year. This is based on the cost of \$214,105 per election for two elections (August and November) in each of these years.
- In FY13-14 the increase in local expenditures will be \$214,105. This is based on one election (May primary).

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- In FY15-16, the increase in state expenditures will be \$214,105 for the Presidential Preference Primary. The county primary will be held with the Presidential Preference Primary; and therefore, the state will pay for holding that election.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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